

A2 3. (amended) The article of Claim 1 wherein the fabric is woven or knitted[,] from polyester fiber and has a weight of from 2 to 9 ounces per square yard.

A3 5. (amended) The article of Claim 1 wherein the polymer has [an]a number average molecular weight of 25,000 to 1,000,000 and the polymer has a plurality of [pendent]pendant groups selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy groups.

Sub B3 8. (amended) An article comprising a textile fabric and a particle attracting, water-soluble polymer coated on the fabric, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

A4 (i) polysaccharides having a plurality of [pendent]pendant groups selected from hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy groups; and

(ii) polymers formed by vinyl polymerization, having a plurality of [pendent]pendant groups selected from hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, carboxy, amino and alkylamino groups;

wherein the article has a particle attraction coefficient of 50% or greater for carbon black, and a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of [75]30 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2.

9. (amended) The article of Claim 8 wherein the polymer has [an]a number average molecular weight of 25,000 to 1,000,000.

10. (amended) The article of Claim 9 having 0.02 to 3 weight % of polymer relative to the weight of the fabric, and the fabric has a weight of 2 to 9 ounces per square yard.

Sub B4 13. (amended) The article of Claim 11 having a particle attraction coefficient of 100% or greater for carbon black and a particle count of particles greater than [0.5]5 microns of [30 million]300,000 particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2.

14. (amended) A wiper comprising a woven or knitted textile fabric and a particle attracting polymer coated on the fabric, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of (i) cellulose ethers; (ii) inorganic cellulose esters; (iii) chitosan; (iv) guar gums and hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy substituted derivatives thereof; (v) starch and hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy substituted derivatives thereof; (vi) poly(vinyl alcohol) and vinyl alcohol copolymers; (vii) poly(vinyl pyrrolidone); (viii) poly(hydroxyalkyl acrylate) and poly(hydroxyalkyl methacrylate) and (ix) poly(alkyl acrylamide) and poly(alkyl acrylamide) copolymers;

wherein the article has a particle count of particles greater than 0.5 microns of 75 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2.

17. (amended) The wiper of Claim 16 wherein the fabric [is woven or knitted,] constructed from polyester [fiber] yarn having a denier of 15 to 250 and the fabric has a weight of from 2 to 9 ounces per square yard.

20. (amended) The wiper of Claim 19 having a particle count of particles greater than [0.5] 5 microns of [30 million] 300,000 particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2 and an extrinsic sorbency of 3.5 milliliters/meter squared or greater as measured by IEST-RP-CC004.2.

24. (amended) An article comprising a textile fabric and a particle attracting polymer coated on the fabric, the article having a particle attraction coefficient of 50% or greater for one or more of the types of particles selected from the group consisting of carbon black, copper, copper oxide, silicon, silicon oxide, tungsten and tungsten oxide particles, and a particle count of particles greater than 5 microns of [1 million] 300,000 particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake

Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2, and the article is packaged in a sealed container and has not been laundered subsequent to the particle attracting polymer having been coated on the fabric.

26. (amended) The article of Claim 24 wherein the polymer has [an] a number average molecular weight of 25,000 to 1,000,000 and the polymer has a plurality of [pendent] pendant groups selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy groups, and the fabric has a weight of 2 to 9 ounces per square yard.

27. (amended) The article of Claim 24 wherein the article has a particle count of particles greater than [5] 0.5 microns of [300,000] 30 million particles per square meter or less as measured by Biaxial Shake Test IEST-RP-CP-CC004.2.

28. (amended) The article of Claim 27 wherein the particle attracting polymer is water-soluble and is selected from the group consisting of:

(i) polysaccharides having a plurality of [pendent] pendant groups selected from hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl and carboxy groups; and

(ii) polymers formed by vinyl polymerization, having a plurality of [pendent] pendant groups selected from hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, carboxy, amino and alkylamino groups.

Remarks

Claims 5, 8, 26 and 28 were objected to because they contained a misspelling of the word "pendant". The spelling has been corrected.

Claims 3 and 17 were found to be indefinite under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, because the phrase "woven or knitted, polyester fiber" did not make it clear that a woven or knitted fabric was composed of polyester fiber. The claims have been amended. The relevant sections now read "the fabric is woven or knitted from polyester fiber" and "the fabric is constructed from polyester yarn" for Claims 3 and 17, respectively.